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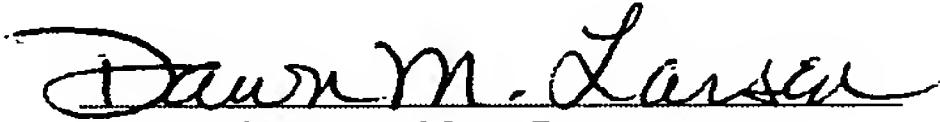
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2005. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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